GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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COAL RACKET
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government is drawn to the newsitem captioned "Burdwan coal racket busted" appearing in the Statesman dated July 4, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the Government have ordered any inquiry into the coal racket involving crores of rupees;

(c) whether some of the officers of ECL and BCCL are also involved in the racket;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T.SHANMUGAM)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) : As at present, the Coal India Limited, Bharat Coking Coal Limited and Eastern Coalfields Limited do not have any report of involvement of any officer of ECL or BCCL in anycoal racket. According to the news item, the police departments of Government of West Bengal and Government of Bihar are investigating into various aspects of the case respectively relating to them. As and when reports are received from the State Governments indicating involvement of any officer of the nationalised coal companies, appropriate action will be taken against the guilty.